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Digital geographical names database Germany at the 1:250,000 scale

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The Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG) (formerly, Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie, IFAG) has for several years compiled, updated and distributed, in close cooperation with the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN) (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names), a database of geographical names of Germany. The names shown on the General Map of Germany at the 1:500,000 scale formed the stock of this database. The database has now been extended by those names contained on the Joint Operation Graphics at the 1:250,000 scale (JOG250).

The digital geographical names database is primarily designed to provide the names for the digital compilation of the JOG250. The database contains all the names of towns, communes, parts of towns and communes, waters, mountains, islands and other geographical features located in Germany and listed in the Gazetteer of the Federal Republic of Germany and shown on the JOG250.

General overview

Application scale: 1:250,000 and smaller

Areal coverage: Territory of Germany

Status:
- Communes as of 01/01/1996
- Other entries corresponding to update of JOG250 in registration period 1994-1996

Coordinate system: Geographic, Gauss-Krüger, UTM

Reference system:
- Potsdam Datum (Fundamental Point Rauenberg) (for geographical and Gauss-Krüger coordinates)
- ED50 (for UTM)

The database contains the following types of information: geographical name and synonym (if existing), statistical key number, coordinates, elevation, areal extension, number of inhabitants, feature code and reference to sheet numbers of official map series. The dataset is available on 3.5" diskette in GENERATE format (ASCII, 15 MB) and EXPORT format (Arc/Info, 23 MB).

The statistical keynumber (eight figures) describes to which Land (federal state, figures 1 and 2), Regierungsbezirk (district, figure 3), Kreis (county, figures 4 and 5), and Gemeinde (commune, figures 6 to 8) a particular location belongs. Parts of towns or communes have attached the statistical keynumber of that town or commune to which they belong.

Example:
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| | | | | Gemeinde
| | | Kreis
| | Regierungsbezirk
Land
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